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FOR ASST SECY-DESIGNATE JOSEPH DUFFEY FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

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SUBJ: NORTH AMERICAN EXHIBIT, NEW SAUDI NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

REF: (A) JIDDA 1696, (B) STATE 50362, (C) STATE 56146

1. I AM EXTREMELY PLEASED BY YOUR PROMPT AND HELPFUL RESPONSE.
PLEASE EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO DILLON RIPLEY AND CHARLES
BLITZER.

2. WE WILL PASS ON YOUR REPORT TO DEAN AL-DHAYAL BUT DO NOT
EXPECT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HIM UNTIL THIS SATURDAY,
MARCH 19. WE ASSUME THE DEAN WILL WELCOME PERROT POSSIBLE
VISIT AROUND MARCH 23 BUT WOULD LIKE HIS CONFIRMATION HE
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SEE PERROT AT THIS TIME.

3. SINCE MY INITIAL MESSAGE, DEAN AL-KHAYAL HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL
DETAILS ON PROJECT TO OUR BRANCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER IN RIYADH. DEAN HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT
USG PROVIDE CONTENTS NORTH AND SOUTH POLE EXHIBITS AND "SEA
AND ISLAND GROUPS" IN ADDITION NORTH AMERICA. HE STATED
WILLINGNESS COVER ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY USG IN
SUPPLYING MATERIALS AND PERSONNEL TO MOUNT EXHIBIT. IN
VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT, APPEARS FUNDING WOULD NOT BE
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PROBLEM BUT WE ARE FOLLOWING UP ON YOUR HELPFUL SUGGESTION
OF POSSIBLE ARAMCO CONTRIBUTION.

4. DEAN HAS ALSO PROVIDED US AN EXHIBIT PROGRAM AND
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND FLOOR PLAN GIVING DESCRIPTION
PROPOSED LAYOUT EXHIBITS.

5. SINCE THIS PLAN COMPLETED AND RENOVATION OF PALACE TO HOUSE MUSEUM NOW UNDERWAY, WE PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT SMITHSONIAN REPRESENTATIVE CAN ARRIVE RIYADH SOON TO ADVISE ON ANY MODIFICATION OF PLAN BEFORE WORK PROCEEDS TOO FAR.

6. WE WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF AL-KHAYAL TO MEET WITH PERROT DURING MAR 23-26 PERIOD ASAP. IF DEAN APPROVES, SUGGEST PERROT'S EXPENSES THIS FIRST VISIT BE COVERED BY AMERICAN SPECIALIST GRANT DRAWING ON OUR \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION.

7. NOW THAT WE APPEAR TO BE MOVING RAPIDLY INTO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STAGE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROPER OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO CAN WORK WITH MY STAFF IN FOLLOW-UP.
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